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Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Holmer Parish Centre on 20th June 2019

Present: Susanna Grunsell, Robert Taylor, Gareth Morgan, Mervyn Davies, Martin Winrow, Chris Robinson Stephanie Greenwood, Josephine Spencer.

Governance

1. **Apologies:** Viv Quinn, Mick Colquhoun, Rachel Jenkins

Welcome to Stephanie

2. **Actions from previous meeting:**

Archiving -Susanna reported conversation with Records Office [HARC]. To review in Sept.

Let Holmer Hall know key holders.

Mick C. reported Speaking to Robin Hemmings willing to be actively engaged with H.W.T.

No reply received from council re tree netting.

Minutes from previous meeting 11 April 2019 were agreed and signed.

Treasurer.. HSBC gave donation for inconvenience caused. Chair to send letter of thanks to Jim Wilkinson for his on going work connected with transition of bank account. Martin still involved with bank security check. Martin presenting a budget for next meeting.

Policies and Procedures.

Robert talked about Strategic priorities for the club and all the committee gave ideas of what these should be a year in advance.

Robert will put e mail together with list.

3. Membership

290 households

11 members not paid but under data protection they need to be kept for 12 months.

Martin and Robert meeting Cheryl re website?

Conservation

4. Update on Archie: Susanna spoke to him, unable to go ahead as seeds not available until September. Chris will let him know about "Meadow Group". Archie will have to submit invoice of costs. When they need money.

Curlew Update

Chris

Chris reported finding 2 nests this year which have been protected by an electric fence. One nest predated. 6 sites where hatched young. Offer from H.W.T £600. They did fundraising. Money could be spent on more electric fence and ? Cameras. Colour ring the young.

Ref to letter (Attach) from Mr. Williams. He lets his land to another farmer. Asked them to delay cutting etc.

Gulls

Councils management in Micks letter and link J.M.C.C (Defra) wait until he has response.

Burley Gate

Robert

Almost completed 2 full years breeding bird survey. Need to sit down and put info together and compare with 1960's. Need to decide to do another year? Very intensive. Its of local case study interest only. One farm over 55 years.

Hedgerow Petition

Susanna to encourage individuals to visit the website and to sign the petition on the Road Verge campaign. Susanna to put short item for newsletter.

Lottery Fund and Curlews

Andrew Nixon has been in touch with Robert. We are working with them. Money to Lugg Meadows. Seasonal.

Robert to clarify.

Events

5. Indoor meetings

Speakers for 2020/2021

Susanna reported letter from Wye Valley Falconry to be forwarded to Rachel Jenkins. Stephanie suggested a speaker Benedict Mc Donald author of Rebirding. Robert has his contact details. Jim Almond from Shropshire his talks are on Gulls. Robert also has his contact details. Chris Robinson is to enquire from BTO re Phil Atkinson. It was suggested that Andrew Strong might be a speaker, his subject is sand martins. It was suggested maybe checking out neighbouring Bird Clubs for speakers.

6. Field meetings

Nothing to report.

Good weather. Good day in Ledbury Community Day. Membership forms given out.

Gareth

Publicity needs updating. Need publicity office.

Enquiry about purpose in having members?

Stephanie

We need to be clear at public events. Copy of rules - club role?

7. Others events

Communications & Publicity

8. **Stephanie has agreed to up date the website and will need precise details to do so. If you send her a word document she will put it on. Maybe use the website as the newsletter? Stephanie has a new HOC e mail address. Mick will have control over all digital images etc.**

Save the Chase. There has been a letter from Angie Hoddle of the Chase Hotel, Ross asking us to support her in making the grounds a protected site. As little egrets nest there and also a wetland site. Gareth is to find the link re planning application.

Records & Publications

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Any other business

10. . Chris is meeting Graham Cox [member from Peterchurch] from the local network of swifts next week. He makes nest boxes.

.Susanna and John Davies are part of the Ledbury Swifts found 16 new sites in eaves of houses in Deer Park Est Ledbury.

Date of next meeting

19th September 2019.